

BACKGROUND PAPER

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Joint Antiterrorism Force Protection (JAT/FP) Joint Test and Evaluation Joint Feasibility Study (JFS)

Purpose: Improve force protection capabilities of Joint Force and Installation Commanders.

Problem: Warfighters and their support personnel in deployable and indigenous facilities are at risk to attack by terrorists employing weapons of mass destruction. Though progress has recently been made in the Antiterrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) area, the problem is far from solved. Efforts across Services/CINCs are incomplete, stove-piped and insufficiently coordinated.

Solution: JFP will test a process to evaluate protection measures using a cost/benefit approach. The cost is time, personnel, material, and dollars. The benefit is risk reduction in casualties and damage. Commanders will be provided such information as which protection measures can be afforded and whether there is time to implement them, and how much risk reduction is gained.

Status: In July 2000, OSD directed JFP to conduct a JFS that concludes in July 2001. The JFS purpose is to determine the necessity and feasibility of a follow-on Joint Test. The JFS is starting with an assessment of current AT/FP procedures for risk reduction in weapons of mass destruction attack, and will identify methods for risk reduction enhancements. A potential Joint Test will be defined, including rigorous test and analysis procedures and resource requirements, and questions answered as to how and to what extent the enhancements improve operations, whether the designed program fits within the joint test venue, and whether it is likely that solutions and enhancements will be implemented by the customers.

Current activities:

- Determine current AT/FP procedures and opportunities for enhancement.
- Determine customer product focus and priority.
- Develop a joint test methodology based on current Joint Vulnerability Assessment processes.
- Develop test and analysis procedures, scope the joint test and produce a feasibility study report.
- Prepare for the first of three Technical Advisory Board (Service test and evaluation technical advisors, OSD organizations, and others) reviews in September 2000.

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